# FF Special Retirement Coverage

Standard Position Description (SPD)# F201
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Certification of <u>CSRS Secondary-Administrative (FF)</u> coverage approval for the above SPD can be found in the signed OPM general coverage certification letter dated 07/29/91.

Certification of <u>FERS Secondary-Administrative (FF)</u> coverage approval for the above SPD can be found in the signed DOI general coverage certification sheet dated 10/02/91.

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SUBJECT TO DRUG TESTING

\*Interchangeable based upon primary vegetation of the unit.

Range/Forestry Technician, GS-455/462-5 Intelligence Officer Position No. F201

#### INTRODUCTION

This position is located in a BLM fire suppression organization normally within a support organization servicing a wide area. The position is responsible for gathering, preparing reports and draft narrative information, and disseminating current fire status and related fire intelligence information on an interagency basis for the unit.

It has been determined that prior wildfire firefighting experience is required to satisfactorily carry out the duties of the position.

#### DUTIES

Receives Daily Fire Situation Reports from other offices and consolidates reports into a unit report. Transmits copies of final report to other offices for their information.

Obtains updated fire intelligence and consolidates information into a fire update report on fire activity to keep the fire staff up-to-date.

Notifies management when events of extreme importance occur such as: loss of life, threat to or loss of dwellings, a major blow-up or fire storm, non-fire emergency involving extensive property loss or loss of life.

Assists with fire briefings. Provides maps depicting areas of fire occurrence. Assists in providing input information for fire behavior forecasts and resource reports indicating crews, equipment, aircraft and supplies committed to fire activity from information obtained from unit reports.

Plots the location of fires on maps.

Compiles from identified sources and posts statistical data to existing reports/computer programs.

Operates various communications equipment. Inputs information into fire computer systems for use in computerized reports.

#### FACTORS

# Factor 1, Knowledge Required by the Position

Knowledge of fire control methods, tactics, and procedures gained through assignments in fire suppression, presuppression and prevention activities is required. Prior wildfire line firefighting experience is required.

Ability to interpret specific and draft narrative presentations based upon a fire suppression background is required.

Knowledge of wildland fire dispatching guidelines, methods and procedures.

Knowledge of fire behavior, fire weather, and BLM computer fire information systems.

General knowledge of other Federal, State and local wildfire organizations and firefighting practices.

Ability to communicate orally and in writing.

General knowledge of BLM public information policies and procedures.

Ability to operate common fire dispatch equipment.

Ability to interpret quadrangle and topographic maps and to plot legal descriptions on maps.

### Factor 2, Supervisory Controls

Works as an assistant to the supervisor. The employee is responsible for performing the routine maintenance of report data and data assimilation duties independently. In specific assignments to gather data and draft narrative statements the employee plans, coordinates, and carries out work assignments on own initiative in accordance with office policies, procedures, and precedent reports/briefings. Employee informs supervisor of problems encountered and receives assistance with the resolution of those problems.

#### Factor 3, Guidelines

Guidelines include Interagency National Mobilization Guides, BLM and Forest Service fire manuals and directives, office policies and procedures, unit dispatch guide, and established policies and procedures. The guidelines are available and generally fit the specific situations encountered. The supervisor provides additional guidance and assistance with projects of an unusual nature.

#### Factor 4, Complexity

The complexity of the work varies with a wide range of variables which include: current fire situation (complex or single or multiple fires), size of fire (acreage, class, project or campaign), fire status (uncontrolled, contained, controlled, estimated containment or control), fire organization, resources committed (manpower, aircraft, equipment and supplies), value-atrisk (short or long range, watershed, dwellings, loss or threat to life), fire behavior (major blow-up or fire storm, one and five day fire behavior prediction), and other factors. Much of the information available imparted in news briefings and reports is highly technical and must be adapted to meet the level of the intended audience. The employee gathers data and prepares draft narrative statements based upon the identified intent of the assignment.

#### Factor 5, Scope and Effect

The purpose of the position is to plan, gather, assemble, and disseminate fire information on a planned basis. Timely and accurate distribution of fire intelligence information influences unit's ability to accurately assess fire situation and availability of resources in projecting suppression needs of numerous fire suppression organizations.

#### Factor 6, Personal Contacts

Personal contacts occur primarily with coworkers and others involved in the receipt and dissemination of fire intelligence information, or occur in

conjunction with the supervisor.

# Factor 7, Purpose of Contacts

The personal contacts are for the purpose of obtaining facts and disseminating information.

#### Factor 8, Physical Demands

The work is sedentary in nature but requires periods of intense concentration, working at top speed, with extreme pressure to collect accurate and timely information and assemble the data into reports and draft narrative statements to meet deadlines.

# Factor 9, Work Environment

The work is performed in an office setting.